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POSSIBLE ISRAELI PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE
AGAINST SAUDI ARABIA

-- Saudi Arabia has abstained from any significant combat in previous Arab-Israeli wars and any threatening gestures toward Israel. Under these circumstances, and considering Saudi Arabia's intentions to use the F-15 defensively and not to deploy it so as to provoke an Israeli attack, we regard an Israeli pre-emptive strike against Saudi Arabia as unlikely.

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